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Allotments totalling \$4,439,500, for rural electrification projects in 16 States, were announced today by Harry Slattery, Administrator of Rural Electrification. This brings allotments made by REA since it was established in 1935 to \$258,347,793, of which \$34,216,500 represents operations during the current fiscal year. These REA funds have been lent to 670 local groups, of which nearly 90 per cent are cooperatives. They are being used chiefly to build about 240,000 miles of new rural power lines which, when completed, will make central station electricity available for the first time to three-quarters of a million farms and rural schools, churches, and business places. More than 300,000 users are already getting electricity from REA-financed lines.

The number of new users of electricity added to REA-financed lines alone in the first three-quarters of the calendar year 1939 nearly equals the total increase in electrified farms -- on both REA and privately financed lines -- attained during the entire calendar year 1937, the previous peak in farm power progress. The number of farms added so far this year to private power companies' lines brings the 9-months total to considerably more than the largest number ever added to rural power lines even in a full calendar year.

Construction of REA-financed power lines is currently at a very high level, approximately 500 miles being newly completed each working day. Construction now approved, and loans approved and being prepared for construction to start, would require about eight months to complete even if winter weather did not retard construction.

While the great bulk of REA loans go for line construction, some of these funds are also used to finance generating plants, of which there are now 33 approved, and to finance the purchase of maintenance equipment and meet other expenses in the initial operating period of the new power systems. Some of the funds are being used to finance installations of wiring and plumbing and in a few special cases, electrical equipment for farms, such as poultry brooders, stock tank heaters, and feed grinders. Four small allotments have been made to build cooperative refrigerated locker plants located on REA power lines.

Details of today's allotments are attached.

COLORADO 15 MORGAN

Morgan County Rural Electric Ass'n,
Fort Morgan, Colorado
(O. S. Moore, Supt.)

\$25,000 to build about 18 miles of transmission lines to connect with the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation system. The project previously has been allotted \$575,000 to build 441 miles of line to serve 1,369 members in Morgan, Weld and Washington Counties, and \$5,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

COLORADO 20 DELTA

Delta-Montrose Rural Power Lines
Ass'n,
Delta, Colorado
(Donald S. Mitchell, Supt.)

\$50,000 to acquire 24 miles of line and to complete construction on the original section. The project previously has been allotted \$447,000 to build 419 miles of line to serve 1,403 members in Delta and Montrose Counties, and \$5,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

COLORADO 26 SAN MIGUEL

San Miguel Power Association, Inc.,
Norwood, Colorado
(Paul H. Lindon, Supt.)

\$30,000 to complete the project and to defray certain expenses connected with the initial operations of the project which cannot be covered by the construction loan. The project previously has been allotted \$139,000 to build 116 miles of line to serve 482 members in San Miguel and Montrose Counties, and \$5,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

COLORADO 31 LARIMER

Cooperative being formed -
(John C. Nixon, Greeley,
Colorado, Correspondent)

\$230,000 to build about 219 miles of line to serve 608 members in Weld and Larimer Counties.

IOWA 43 GREENE

Greene County Rural Electric
Cooperative,
Jefferson, Iowa
(Clifford F. Unz, Supt.)

\$384,000 to build about 385 miles of line to serve 981 members in Boone, Greene, Polk, Webster and Hamilton Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$292,000 to build 275 miles of line to serve 585 members in Greene, Webster, Boone, Dallas, Carroll, Calhoun and Guthrie Counties.

IOWA 57 MITCHELL

Cooperative Electric Company
of Osage,
St. Ansgar, Iowa
(Louis J. Vandermyde, Supt.)

\$143,000 to build about 153 miles of line to serve 390 members in Worth, Floyd and Chickasaw Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$223,000 to build 225 miles of line to serve 431 members in Mitchell, Floyd, Howard and Worth Counties.

KENTUCKY 35 WARREN

Warren Rural Electric Cooperative
Corp., Inc.,
Bowling Green, Kentucky
(Lester Wright, Supt.)

\$151,000 to build about 150 miles of line to serve 525 members in Simpson, Logan, Warren, Grayson, Edmonson, Ohio and Butler Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$309,000 to build 304 miles of line to serve 822 members, and \$15,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

MAINE 8 AROOSTOOK

Farm-Home Electric Cooperative,
Inc.,
Patten, Maine
(Howard Wood, President)

\$127,000 to build about 108 miles of line to serve 331 members in Aroostook and Penobscot Counties.

MICHIGAN 28 PRESQUE ISLE

Presque Isle County Electric
Cooperative Ass'n,
Posen, Michigan
(Gustav J. Kleber, Mgr.)

\$112,000 to build about 101 miles of line to serve 366 members in Presque Isle, Alpena, Cheboygan and Montmorency Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$591,000 to build 437 miles of line to serve 1,627 members.

MINNESOTA 37 JACKSON

Federated Rural Electric Ass'n,
Jackson, Minnesota
(Paul Ferguson, Supt.)

\$100,000 to build about 107 miles of line to serve 236 members in Martin and Jackson Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$426,000 to build 401 miles of line to serve 1,037 members in the above mentioned and Faribault Counties.

MISSOURI 24 CALLAWAY

Callaway County Electrical
Cooperative Ass'n,
Fulton, Missouri
(Raymond A. Walker, Supt.)

\$15,000 to build about 16 miles of line to serve 48 members in Callaway and Montgomery Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$195,200 to build 163 miles of line to serve 421 members, and \$5,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

MISSOURI 25 M.G.U.

Missouri General Utilities Co.,
Ste. Genevieve, Missouri
(S. C. McMeekin, Gen. Mgr.)

\$48,500 to build about 52 miles of line to serve 219 consumers in Ste. Genevieve, Perry, Cape Girardeau and Bollinger Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$112,000 to build 127 miles of line to serve 613 consumers in the above mentioned and Stoddard Counties.

MISSOURI 32 ATCHISON

Atchison-Holt Electric Coop.,
Rockport, Missouri
(Bruce S. Gibbs, Supt.)

\$57,000 to build about 40 miles of line to serve 95 members in Atchison and Holt Counties, Missouri, and Fremont County, Iowa. The project previously has been allotted \$362,000 to build 346 miles of line to serve 617 members in the above mentioned and Nodaway Counties, Missouri, and Page County, Iowa, and \$7,500 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

MONTANA 11 SANDERS

Sanders Electric Cooperative, Inc.,
Trout Creek, Montana
(George E. Graham, Supt.)

\$29,000 to build about 10 miles of line to serve 36 members in Sanders County. The project previously has been allotted \$94,000 to build 80 miles of line to serve 260 members, and \$5,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

NEBRASKA 51 BURT DISTRICT PUBLIC

Burt County Rural Public Power

Dist.,

Takamah, Nebraska

(E. D. Beck, Supt.)

\$39,000 to build about 98 miles of line to serve 218 members in Dodge, Washington, Thurston and Burt Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$415,000 to build 341 miles of line to serve 657 members in the above mentioned and Cuming Counties, and \$13,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

NEBRASKA 54 CUMING DISTRICT PUBLIC

Cuming County Rural Public Power

Dist.,

West Point, Nebraska

(Lester C. Sellentin, Supervisor)

\$87,000 to build about 102 miles of line to serve 210 members in Cuming, Thurston, Stanton, Wayne, Burt, Colfax and Dodge Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$466,000 to build 438 miles of line to serve 851 members, and \$27,500 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

NORTH CAROLINA 14 PITT

Pitt and Greene Electric

Membership Corp.,

Farmville, North Carolina

(J. Lee Tugwell, Pres.)

\$69,000 to build about 68 miles of line to serve 337 members in Pitt and Greene Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$156,200 to build 150 miles of line to serve 833 members.

NORTH CAROLINA 25 RUTHERFORD

Rutherford Rural Electric

Mutual Association, Inc.,

Forest City, North Carolina

(D. B. Crow, Supt.)

\$216,000 to build about 253 miles of line to serve 882 members in Rutherford, Polk, Burke, Catawba, Lincoln and Gaston Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$486,000 to build 380 miles of line to serve 1,910 members in the above mentioned and Cleveland and McDowell Counties, and \$5,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

OHIO 41 LICKING

Licking Rural Electrification,

Inc.,

Utica, Ohio

(Charles D. Dunlap, Supt.)

\$259,000 to build about 273 miles of line to serve 882 members in Ashland, Richland, Knox, Licking and Franklin Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$535,000 to build 765 miles of line to serve 2,504 members in Licking, Knox and Perry Counties, and \$5,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

OKLAHOMA 22 COTTON

Cotton Electric Cooperative,

Walters, Oklahoma

(C. W. Cox, Supt.)

\$106,000 to build about 120 miles of line to serve 408 members in Comanche, Stephens, Cotton, Jefferson and Tillman Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$230,000 to build 214 miles of line to serve 475 members, and \$10,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

OKLAHOMA 25 ROGERS

Vardigris Valley Electric Coop.,

Inc.,

Collinsville, Oklahoma

(Lawrence H. Lange, Supt.)

\$91,000 to build about 106 miles of line to serve 301 members in Rogers, Washington, Osage, Nowata and Tulsa Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$193,000 to build 221 miles of line to serve 416 members, and \$5,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

OREGON 4 LINCOLN

Benton-Lincoln Electric Cooperative,
Inc.,
Corvallis, Oregon
(Guy Thomas, Supt.)

\$55,000 to build and acquire about 42 miles of line to serve 153 members. The project previously has been allotted \$205,000 to build 175 miles of line to serve 548 members in Lincoln, Benton, Lane and Polk Counties, and \$4,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

TEXAS 7 B.C.L. & P.

Bartlett Community Light and
Power Co.,
Bartlett, Texas
(W. R. Janko, Pres.)

\$60,000 to build about 88 miles of line to serve 239 consumers in Bell, Milan and Williamson Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$45,500 to build 47 miles of line to serve 166 consumers.

TEXAS 40 BOWIE

Texas-Cass Electric Cooperative,
Inc.,
Douglasville, Texas
(D. B. Lancaster, Supt.)

\$92,000 to build about 122 miles of line to serve 347 members in Bowie, Red River, Titus, Morris and Cass Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$309,000 to build 353 miles of line to serve 1,058 members, and \$5,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

TEXAS 48 HIDALGO

Magie Valley Electric Cooperative,
Inc.,
Mercedes, Texas
(J. E. Wilder, Mgr.)

\$115,000 to build about 144 miles of line to serve 404 members in Hidalgo, Willacy and Cameron Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$436,000 to build 540 miles of line to serve 1,500 members, and \$30,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

TEXAS 50 GRAYSON

Grayson-Collin Electric Coop.,
Inc.,
Van Alstyne, Texas
(H. P. Block, Supt.)

\$94,000 to build about 125 miles of line to serve 428 members in Grayson and Collin Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$407,000 to build 441 miles of line to serve 1,306 members, and \$5,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

TEXAS 59 LAMB

Lamb County Electric Cooperative,
Inc.,
Littlefield, Texas
(C. K. Woodall, Supt.)

\$120,000 to build about 158 miles of line to serve 335 members in Lamb, Bailey, Hale, Hockley and Cochran Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$225,000 to build 263 miles of line to serve 783 members in Lamb and Hockley Counties.

TEXAS 68 COOKE

Cooke County Electric Cooperative,
Muenster, Texas
(J. W. Hoss, Supt.)

\$55,000 to build about 65 miles of line to serve 238 members in Montague County. The project previously has been allotted \$215,000 to build 245 miles of line to serve 572 members in Cooke, Montague and Denton Counties.

TEXAS 69 ERATH

Erath County Electric Coop. Ass'n,
Stephenville, Texas
(G. A. Tunnell, Supt.)

\$33,000 to build about 122 miles of line to serve 327 members in Erath, Hood, Comanche, Hamilton and Bosque Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$189,000 to build 247 miles of line to serve 493 members in Comanche and Erath Counties, and \$5,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

TEXAS 70 HAMILTON

Hamilton County Electric Coop. Ass'n,
Hamilton, Texas
(A. L. McFadden, Mgr.)

\$31,000 to build about 41 miles of line to serve 114 members in Hamilton, Mills and Coryell Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$236,000 to build 385 miles of line to serve 670 members in the above mentioned and Comanche and Lampasas Counties, and \$10,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

TEXAS 80 COLLINGSWORTH

Greenbelt Electric Cooperative,
Wellington, Texas
(Orval B. Couch, Supt.)

\$100,000 to build about 150 miles of line to serve 348 members in Collingsworth, Donley and Armstrong Counties, Texas, and Beckham County, Oklahoma. The project previously has been allotted \$141,000 to build 146 miles of line to serve 434 members in the above mentioned and Harmon County, Oklahoma, and \$7,500 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

TEXAS 83 FISHER

Mid-West Electric Coop. Ass'n,
Rotan, Texas
(Andrew Jones, Supt.)

\$107,000 to build about 142 miles of line to serve 421 members in Jones, Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Nolan and Mitchell Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$137,000 to build 176 miles of line to serve 280 members in Fisher and Scurry Counties, and \$6,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

TEXAS 84 HALL

Hall County Electric Cooperative,
Inc.,
Memphis, Texas
(Roy A. Yarbrough, Supt.)

\$89,000 to build about 126 miles of line to serve 302 members in Hall, Childress and Donley Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$95,000 to build 110 miles of line to serve 289 members, and \$3,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

TEXAS 91 SAN PATRICIO

San Patricio Electric Cooperative,
Inc.,
Sinton, Texas
(C. R. Ramsower, Supt.)

\$84,000 to build about 111 miles of line to serve 280 members in Live Oak, Bee and San Patricio Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$125,000 to build 247 miles of line to serve 470 members, and \$5,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

TEXAS 100 WASHINGTON

Lower Colorado River Electric
Cooperative, Inc.,
Austin, Texas
(C. A. McEachern, Pres.)

\$400,000 to acquire 225 miles of line to serve 1,500 consumers. The project previously has been allotted \$605,000 to build 825 miles of line to serve 2,125 members in Lee, Washington, Williamson, Travis, Bastrop, Fayette, Austin, Caldwell and Guadalupe Counties.

TEXAS 101 PARKER

Tri-County Electric Coop., Inc.,
Azle, Texas
(M. H. Skidmore, Supt.)

\$117,000 to build about 156 miles of line to serve 411 members in Parker, Tarrant and Wise Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$136,000 to build 161 miles of line to serve 410 members in the above mentioned and Denton Counties, and \$4,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing.

VIRGINIA 37 NANSEMOND

Community Electric Cooperative,
Suffolk, Virginia
(Louise E. Davidson, Pres.)

\$220,000 to build about 239 miles of line to serve 796 members in Nansemond, Isle of Wight and Southampton Counties.

WISCONSIN 43 GRANT

Grant Electric Cooperative,
Lancaster, Wisconsin
(Clyde G. Newcomb, Supt.)

\$61,000 to build about 62 miles of line to serve 142 members in Grant County. The project previously has been allotted \$599,000 to build 542 miles of line to serve 1,385 members in Grant, Crawford, Iowa, Lafayette and Richland Counties.

WISCONSIN 48 WAUPACA

Waupaca Electric Cooperative,
Iola, Wisconsin
(Louis R. Rasmussen, Supt.)

\$142,000 to build about 139 miles of line to serve 376 members in Waupaca, Shawano and Marathon Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$151,000 to build 133 miles of line to serve 350 members in Waupaca, Shawano and Portage Counties, and \$5,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

